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SUBJECT: SOVIET DEMARCHE ON FRG ENVIRONMENTAL OFFICE IN
BERLIN

REF: (A) BONN 16075; (B) BONN 15818; (C) STATE 214725;
(D) MOSCOW 13523

1. AT NOVEMBER 8 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (KASTRUP)
FORMALLY CONFIRMED THAT FRG WOULD HOLD FIRM TO DECISION
THAT ENVIRONMENT OFFICE WILL BE LOCATED IN BERLIN. ONLY
QUESTIONS, HE SAID, ARE WHEN TO HANDLE FORMALLY IN
CABINET AND WHEN TO MAKE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. KASTRUP
NOTED THAT THERE IS CONSIDERABLE DOMESTIC POLITICAL
PRESSURE FOR QUICK FORMAL RESOLUTION OF THE QUESTION,
INCLUDING AN INQUIRY IN THE BUNDESTAG WHICH WOULD HAVE
TO BE ANSWERED, AND SAID MINISTERS SCHEEL AND GENSCHER
WERE SURE NOT TO WAIT TOO LONG.

2. US AND UK REPS SAID THAT A PREFERABLE SEQUENCE OF
EVENTS WOULD BE (A) FORMAL FRG DECISION IN CABINET;
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(B) REPLY BY THREE ALLIES TO SOVIETS; AND .

FRG REPLY TO GDR NOTE ON SAME SUBJECT--
SEE REPORT SEPTTEL). THIS SEQUENCE SUGGESTED SINCE
ALLIES HAVE NO INTEREST IN BECOMING INVOLVED IN FRG
DOMESTIC POLITICAL MATTER, BUT AT SAME TIME SCHEEL
COULD INFORM CABINET THAT ALLIES READY TO RESPOND
TO MOSCOW BUT AS MATTER OF COURTESY THEY WERE PREPARED
TO AWAIT CABINET DECISION. SCENERIO WOULD HAVE ALLIED
REPLY READY FOR DELIVERY SO THAT CABINET DECISION
WOULD TRIGGER IMMEDIATE ACTION IN MOSCOW. FRENCH REP
(PAYE) SAID HE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS AMBASSADOR
OR FROM PARIS BUT HE WAS SURE ALLIES WOULD NOT
WANT TO APPEAR TO BE PUSHING FRG INTO QUICK DECISION.
KASTRUP SAID THAT HE WAS UNABLE TO MAKE AN
FRG RESPONSE TO SEQUENCE OUTLINED BY US AND UK REPS BUT
THAT HE WOULD SEEK INSTRUCTIONS AND HOPED TO HAVE A
REPLY BY EARLY WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12. IN THE MEANTIME,
DISCUSSION OF TEXT OF ALLIED REPLY IS CONTINUING
QUADRIPARTITELY.
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